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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. DOES KAYPER-MENSAH WANT WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM SMITHSONIAN DESIGNATING THE FESTIVAL AS OFFICIAL PORTION OF GHANAIA VISIT TO U.S. AND THAT TOUR IS UNOFFICIAL? THAT ACCEPTABLE, BUT SMITHSONIAN CANNOT PAY ADDITIONAL GHANAIA PER DIEM FOR TOUR. IMPERATIVE THAT ALL GHANAIA PARTICIPANTS UNDERSTAND THAT EQUIVALENT OF DOUBLE PER DIEM WILL CEASE AFTER FESTIVAL AND TAT FOR REMAINDER OF 45 DAYS, THEY WILL RECEIVE ONLY SMITHSONIAN PER DIEM. AWAIT YOUR REPLY BEFORE WRITING TO KAYPER-MENSAH.

2. SMITHSONIAN POLICY NOW IS THAT ALL FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE DOLS 10 PER DAY POCKET MONEY. IMPORTANT TO STRESS THIS DOLS 10 IS PART OF PER DIEM PAYMENT, NOT IN ADDITION
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TO- SMITHSONIAN PROVIDES HOUSING AND FOOD FOR ENTIRE VIS

FOR REMAINDER OF PER DIEM. POCKET MONEY IS ONLY DIRECT
CASH PAYMENT TO PARTICIPANTS. INGERSOLL

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